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1. The 2 Labor Detachment of the Yugoslav Army, reportedly attached to the various plants which comprise the Ratko Mitrovic Military Construction Enterprise, Cacak, is composed of soldiers assigned to the Labor Detachment six months prior to the expiration of their term of military service. There are no permanently established units in this detachment; companies and battalions are formed in the 2 Labor Detachment in accordance with the needs of the work to be accomplished. The majority of soldiers assigned to the 2 Labor Detachment lack special qualifications and are employed as common laborers.

2. The official commanding staff of the 2 Labor Detachment has its headquarters in two adjacent frame buildings in Cacak, where the administrative staff of the Ratko Mitrovic Military Construction Enterprise is also reported to be housed. The staff comprises four officers, two noncommissioned officers and some fifteen soldiers, identified as follows:

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- a. Commander: Lieutenant Colonel Trivo Pralica.

- b. Political Commissar: Major Vlado Vujovic

- c. Quartermaster: Captain Oljaca, a confirmed Communist

- d. Chief of Transportation Section: Lieutenant Grandic. This section has at its disposal one Praga and two Man (sic) trucks for transporting supplies to the various branch offices of the Ratko Mitrovic Military Construction Enterprise. The two branch offices at Trstenik and near the village of Jezdina, respectively, are supplied by an unidentified artillery regiment stationed in Cacak, while the branch office located in the village of Luzina, near Usicka Pozega, is supplied by an unidentified artillery regiment stationed at Usicka Pozega.<sup>1</sup> The Chief of the Transportation Section has under his direction three soldiers and three civilian drivers;

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- e. Two clerical workers who are actually noncommissioned officers in the regular Army; and
  - f. Some five or six messengers.
3. The 2 Labor Detachment is reportedly broken down into eight distinct battalions, which are identified as follows:
- a. The 1 Battalion attached to the Trstenik branch of the Ratko Mitrovic Military Construction Enterprise, responsible for the construction of the Trstenik aircraft plant and airfield. The men of this battalion are billeted in barracks situated on the grounds of the Enterprise. The battalion, which comprises some 800 men, is composed of four unidentified companies. The staff of the 1 Battalion is as follows:
    - (1) Commander: an unidentified captain;
    - (2) Political Commissar: an unidentified captain;
    - (3) KOS Officer: an unidentified platoon leader;
    - (4) Quartermaster: an unidentified lieutenant, who has under his direction an unidentified platoon leader; and
    - (5) A clerk.
  - b. The 2 Battalion of the 2 Labor Detachment, which is attached to the Jezdina branch of the Ratko Mitrovic Military Construction Enterprise, was responsible for the construction of the Sloboda Military Enterprise. The approximately 1,200 members of this battalion, who are quartered in barracks erected on the Enterprise grounds, have the following commanding staff:
    - (1) Commander: Captain Milos Djakula, a [ ] Communist; 50X1-HUM
    - (2) Political Commissar: Captain Djoka Stankovic, a [ ] Communist; 50X1-HUM
    - (3) KOS Officer: an unidentified platoon leader;
    - (4) Quartermaster: Second Lieutenant Branko Bacanovic, a [ ] Communist, whose subordinate is an unidentified second lieutenant; reportedly a Communist since 1937; 50X1-HUM
    - (5) Two messengers, believed to be military men; and
    - (6) A clerk.
- The 2 Battalion of the 2 Labor Detachment is reportedly composed of four companies whose commanding officers are as follows:
- (7) Commander of 1 Company: Lieutenant Milan Markovic;
  - (8) Commander of 2 Company: Second Lieutenant Slavko Karanovic;
  - (9) Commander of 3 Company: Second Lieutenant Petrovic; and
  - (10) Commander of 4 Company: Lieutenant Milan Zarkovic.

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- e. The 3 Battalion of the 2 Labor Detachment attached to the Lusani branch of the Ratko Mitrovic Military Construction Enterprise. The men of this battalion, some 1,000 strong, are employed in the construction of the Milan Blagojevic ammunition factory, and are reportedly housed in barracks on the Enterprise grounds.

- d. The 4 Battalion of the 2 Labor Detachment, which reportedly comprises some 10 officers, 25 noncommissioned officers who belong to the regular Army, 6 hospital assistants classified as temporary noncommissioned officers, and 1,350 men, has the following staff:

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- (1) Commander: Captain Slavko Sudar,
- (2) Political Commissar: Captain Risto Milinkovic
- (3) Instructor in Organization: an unidentified second lieutenant
- (4) Rear Echelon Commander: Quartermaster Slavko Alajcic, a platoon leader whose subordinate is Assistant Platoon Leader Ilijevski.

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The commanding officers of the six different companies of the 4 Battalion are identified as follows:

- (5) Commander of 1 Company: Captain Nedjeljko Zlatkovic. This Company which numbers some 250 men, and whose sentinels are equipped with 12 Bulgarian rifles, reportedly worked independently in a stone quarry in Casak;
- (6) Commander of 2 Company composed of 150 men: Lieutenant Nikola Bosancic;
- (7) Commander of 3 Company comprising 200 men: Captain Huselin Ikonjic;
- (8) Commander of 4 Company composed of 200 men: an unidentified second lieutenant;
- (9) Commander of 5 Company some 280 men strong: Lieutenant Milentije Pavlovic; and
- (10) Commander of 6 Company with a force of some 350 men: Lieutenant Dimitrije Markovic.

With the exception of the men of 1 Company, the members of the 4 Battalion of the 2 Labor Detachment constructed the supply depot at Ravno Polje field.

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- e. The only information in regard to the 5 Battalion of the 2 Labor Detachment was that it comprised more than 1,000 men.

- f. The 6, 7 and 8 Battalions of the 2 Labor Detachment each comprise more than 1,000 men.

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